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Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask what the number of applications received by the Commission is?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Government have no information."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I ask whether it is the policy of the Government to make these appointments merely on communal considerations irrespective of the qualifications of the candidates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The appointments are made having regard to the qualifications of the candidates and communal considerations, whenever prescribed."

Grants to Mappilla Elementary schools in the taluks of Chirakkal and Kottayam.

* 21 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be please to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the amount of grant given to the Mappilla elementary schools in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks of Malabar district is only about 50 per cent of the amount recommended by the Deputy Inspectors concerned;

(*b*) if so, what the reasons are for such reduction; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the amounts of grant given to Mappilla elementary schools in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks, respectively, during each of the last five years?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information; the distribution of grants rests with the District Educational Council.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that the reduction of these grants has seriously affected the education of backward communities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I would suggest to the hon. Member that he must first address the District Educational Council of his district, as that is the body which deals with this matter."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" Is it not the duty of the Government to draw the attention of the Educational Council that the grants should be distributed on some equitable considerations?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Educational Councils will resent any such general direction as that. We have got rules and they have to distribute the grant according to the rules and they need not be told that they must be equitable in its distribution."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"Will the Government enquire into the matter whether the distribution is in accordance with the rules or in violation thereof?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The hon. Member may first address the District Educational Council and, if he is dissatisfied with that answer, he can address the Government who will do all they can."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have imposed any restrictions on the District Educational Council to grant these concessions up to a maximum of 50 per cent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"They have."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Is it not restricting the discretion of the District Educational Council?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The matter was fully considered and it was thought that there was nothing wrong in imposing that restriction."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction has called for the opinions of the District Educational Councils whether this 50 per cent is low and whether they would like to give the power to the Director of Public Instruction to grant the concessions up to 75 per cent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Is it not a fact that cent per cent has been recommended by the District Educational Council?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Not after this Government Order was passed."

The hon. the President:—"These questions are not quite relevant."

Withdrawal of fee concessions admissible to Mappilla students of the Manjeri High School by the District Board, Malabar.

* 22 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar District Board has issued an order to the effect that full fees should be collected from the Mappilla students of Manjeri High School irrespective of production of poverty certificate;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that 25 out of 47 Mappilla students of the said school have discontinued their studies owing to inability to pay full fees insisted on by the above order of the District Board;